

**Masses For The Week**

**Monday - November 28**

6:30 Edith DeMeo  
9:00 Peter Grudzinski

**Tuesday - November 29**

6:30  
9:00 Stanley Szymkowski

**Wednesday - November 30 - Saint Andrew, Apostle**

6:30  
9:00 Kenneth W. Meyer

**Thursday - December 1**

6:30 Sarah Zura  
9:00 Giovanni Giannuzzi, Anniversary

**Friday - December 2**

6:30 Joan Gargiulo  
9:00 Thomas P. LaFalce, Sr.

**Saturday - December 3**

9:00 MULTIPLE INTENTIONS ANNOUNCED AT MASS  
5:00 Kevin Gorman  
7:00 Madeline T. Stein

**Sunday - December 4 - 2nd Sunday of Advent**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 Charles (Chip) A. Harvey, 10th Anniversary  
10:00 Mary Boglioli  
11:30 Lazzati & Tesoriero Families  
1:00 George Newmann  
5:30 Arthur Latona

**Readings For The Week**

Mon. Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11  
Tues. Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24  
Wed. Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22  
Thurs. Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27  
Fri. Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31  
Sat. Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8  
**Sun. *Isaiah 11:1-10* "A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse," prophesied Isaiah. "The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him" through wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and awe in the presence of God.**

**Romans 15:4-9** *The Scriptures were written for our instruction, that we might draw encouragement from them and that "we might have hope."*

**Matthew 3:1-12** *John the Baptist came as a preacher in the Judean desert: "repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Many people flocked to him for baptism and conversion to prepare for the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.*

**Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**

**Weekly Budget: \$17,500.00**

**Weekly Collection for 11/20/2016 will be reported in the next bulletin.**

**Reflection & Living Stewardship**

"At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come," says today's Gospel. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are and strive to live in readiness for His coming.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who use the season of Advent to prepare not only for Christ's coming, but to more closely recognize Him in the here and now as well.



**Charismatic Prayer Group**

Long before Zacchaeus climbed that tree, it had to be planted and cared for. So often God sets things up for us to use or to help us later. If we are lucky, we get to see the "set up." Some call it a coincidence but we know better! What's being arranged for you right now?

**Our next meeting is Monday, November 21st at 7:30PM in St. Alphonsus Hall. Be a friend - bring a friend. Call 516-993-9672 for prayer requests or more information.**

**H.O.P. Club Winners**

The November 27th issue of the bulletin had to be submitted by Friday, November 18th. Therefore the HOP winners for last week will be in the December 4th issue.



**Divine Mercy Novena  
Every Friday at 2:00 p.m.  
in the Eucharistic Chapel  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*Wedding Banns*

3rd Matthew Gilberti & Ashlee Pierce

1st Carl Wong & Mary Ahtziger



**"Whatever you do for one of these, the least of my sisters and brothers, you did it for me."**

**Thank you** for your tremendous generosity to those in need and most especially for all you did and donated for the Thanksgiving Holiday!

This week the Pantry could use sweet cereal, white rice, Chef Boyardee pastas, lentils, icing, pudding, Jell-O, tomato paste, boxed milk, laundry soap, dish soap and shampoo.

**Parish Outreach Food Pantry:**

208 Broadway, Bethpage

Phone: 516-931-7332

Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM

Thursday: 2:00PM – 7:00PM

*Altar Bread & Wine*

*Week of Nov 27 - Dec 3, 2016*

*In Loving Memory of  
Ann Daly*



*Sanctuary Candle*

*Week of Nov 27 - Dec 3, 2016*

*In Loving Memory of  
Robert Shackleton*



**Rest in Peace**

**Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."**

**Edith M. O'Shaughnessy**

**REMINDER: Please call the rectory at 931-0818 to remove a name from the list.**

**Please pray for the sick of our parish:**

Leevalli Annearosa, Leigh Murphy, Richard Piernini, Joseph Simon Douglas Torres, James Robertson, Amy Hayes, Mom & Dad Bill Kelly, Matthew Messina, Pat Cannata, Christopher Gratton Barbara Thompson, Donald Castor, Dorothy Quinn, Zachery Duff Sam Zubov, Patricia Marrone, Mary Henson, Mary Lynn Brassil Catherine Battiata, Brendan Rodriguez, Rebecca Passaro Dot Widyn, Annette Giuliano, Madeline Ciaravino, Nicole Cagna Gary Vlahov, Tom Schuerlein, Katie Walsh, Louise Sandberg Anthony Luisi, Chris & Raymond Mirendia, Florencio Carmenate Mary McCarthy, Karen Kilgard, Angela Calendrille Ann Marie Frayler, Nicholas Balducci, Robert Kennan Corey Voboril, Charles Walsh, Baby Scarlett, May Duffey Tommy Johnson, Louise Smith, Joseph Vareed, Anna M. Bosco Baby Daniel, Janet Medina, Kevin Henson, Marie Newman The Mascia Family, Edward Brown, Ceil Hollander, Ann Mirto Daniel Costa, Hector Valentine, Theresa DuRoss Bob Baciuska, Carol Ann Scudder, John Scudder Justine & Nicole Scudder, Vincent Esposito, Terry Hall Catherine A. McCarthy, Paul Granberg, Charles Boyce, Elsa Ryan Sarah Messin, William Boyce, Joann Sescila, Albert La Rocca Michael Arato, Elizabeth Ryan, Ken Mannion, Tom Doty Linda Malone, Lynn Calo, Christine Chiarappa, Connie Burgess Dolores Miller, Susan Carroll-Goyan, Carol Episcopio Samantha McNeil, Patty & Tom Turano, Layla Barr, Fran Brideau Sal Mascolo, Nicholas Amato, Poppy Singh, Jesusa Aquino Joseph McCroary, Guido Penafiel, Barry Monteleone Nadine Lewin Wall, Richard Graziano, Jean Mulligan Geraldine Zeterberg, Stephen Hogan, Edward Boyce, Ann Adams, Fran Gandolfo, Sheila Newmann, Fr. Edmund Faliskie CSSR Terrence Lynam, Taylor, Lee Berkowitz, Danielle McCarthy Joseph Kostyak, Lorie Penafiel, Johnny D., William Castle Anthony Morello, Anthony Krich, Cynthia & Don Mirabel Michael Siegler, Aida Gilday, Jackie & Pat Simoniello Candy DeVita, Frank Ballatore, Jr., Anthony Della Croce Christine Orlando, Little Sonny D'Ambrosio, Barbara Rusch Justin Dittmar, Beverly Viselli, Casey, Betty Maggi, Elsie Ann Zinno Olivia LoRusso, Betty Mara, Teri Pigott, Connie Kane, George Reif Ed Ingels, Liam Escaniel, Gus Kunze, Eddie Morales, Tom Miles Debra Dowdell, Elizabeth Hill, Louie Gandolfo, John Anderson Tara Maune, Daniel McCullough, Mary Lafauci, Gerry Russo Allegra LaFalce, Jessica Czarnecki, Bill Monahan, Maureen Roberts Francis Meehan, Trish Berge, Kathleen Palumbo Brendan Donahoe, Noelle Eichenlaub, Janet Scarpelli John Pesiri, Glenn Miller & Mom, Helen Uhl, Baby Omage-Bianchi Andrew McCarthy, Alicia Manetta, Frank LoPinto Declan McCollough

## Pastor's Letter

Now that the turkey leftovers have been just about finished (if you have any turkey legs left, you can drop them off at the rectory), and Santa has showed up at the end of the Thanksgiving Macy's Day Parade, we are quickly moving into preparing for Christmas. I have recently read a book that our spiritual book club will be reading entitled *Hidden Christmas* by Timothy Keller. Keller, a Presbyterian minister, is a wonderful spiritual writer. He wrote one of my all-time favorite books: *The Prodigal God*. If you want to read a wonderful book to prepare for the great feast of Christmas, I highly recommend *Hidden Christmas*. Keller says some obvious words about Christmas but I find they were so simple that I might miss them as December dawns upon us.



He writes: *Christmas is the only Christian holy day that is a secular holiday, arguably our culture's biggest. The result is two different celebrations, each observed by millions of people at the same time. This brings discomfort to both groups.* I find this to be so very true. Bill O'Reilly, the Fox commentator, and others have been seeking to challenge those who want to push Christ out of Christmas. Practices such as not allowing workers to wish customers Merry Christmas and the banning of all Christmas music in some public schools are two such examples of what O'Reilly calls the "war on Christmas." The Knights of Columbus along with other groups have stressed the use of bumper stickers and car magnets that say, *Keep Christ in Christmas*. I am both delighted and surprised that our town of Bethpage places a lovely Christmas crèche on Broadway. Here at St. Martin's and in Catholic and Christians churches throughout the world, there will be the celebration of the four Sundays of Advent, with the liturgy and preaching focusing on the spiritual preparation and the meaning of Christmas. There is no doubt that our society does celebrate the holiday of Christmas with tremendous energy to the point that many arrive on Christmas morning both exhausted and broke.

Still, I am no Scrooge. I love the many aspects of Christmas preparations. Christmas cards, shopping for gifts, the search for sugar free Christmas cookies, decorating, sentimental movies and stories, Christmas music, visiting with family and friends are all essential parts of my Christmas. Almost every one of these Christmas customs have their roots in honoring the birth of Jesus. Granted, it is easy to get so wrapped up in these traditions that we may miss the Baby, the Word made Flesh, the God-baby.

My message to you and to me (most talks and sermons I give are not only to others but to myself), is to balance the holiday and the Holy Day. The holiday's truest meaning is to help us celebrate and rejoice in the Holy Day.

Here are some practical steps you might consider for your integration of the Holy Day of Christmas into the holiday season:

- Attend Mass for the four Sundays of Advent.
- Remember the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, our nation's patron and a Holy Day of obligation.
- Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent.
- We will celebrate the beautiful Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 9:00 a.m. Mass

- Donate to the Parish Giving Tree, the Food Pantry, or some other good cause that reminds us to reach out to those in need.
- At 8:30 a.m. each morning, we will say the Morning Divine Office in Church before the 9:00 a.m. Mass.
- There will be two Advent prayers services at 7:30 p.m. on December 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Consider having an Advent Wreath at home, especially if you have children.
- Consider buying your tree from our Parish Life Teen Youth Ministry.
- Send a card to someone that you may have lost touch with or with whom you may have had a disagreement. If all you can do is wish them a Merry Christmas, that is fine.
- Wear your parish Christmas button as a sign of witness.
- Avoid all political talk at Christmas dinner.
- Say a prayer when you put up your Christmas tree.
- Explain your family Christmas figures to your children or grandchildren.
- Shop but not till you drop.
- Watch *It's a Wonderful Life* or *A Christmas Carol*.
- Have fun.
- Enjoy your family and friends!

Father Patrick Woods, CSsR  
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 Website: www.smtbethpage.org

**NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY**

We are ready to be filled with the Spirit as music pours into our church and out of our hearts here at St. Martin of Tours! The following schedule shows when each of our choirs rehearse.

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN THE MUSIC MINISTRY!

- ◆ PRACTICE TUESDAYS 7:00 PM IN CHURCH: LIFE TEEN BAND
  - Sings Sunday 5:30pm Mass.
  - We encourage high school & college students to join us.
- ◆ PRACTICE WEDNESDAYS 5:00 PM IN CHURCH: CHILDREN'S CHOIR
  - Sings Sunday 10am Mass.
  - We encourage children in grades 2-8 to join us.
- ◆ PRACTICE THURSDAYS 7:30 PM IN CHURCH: ADULT CHOIRS
  - Sings Sunday 8:30 and/or 11:30 Masses.
  - We encourage adults 18 and above to join us.



**St. Martin of Tours Religious Education  
Keep Holy the Sabbath**

As part of your child's Religious Education, our program requires that your child attend Mass at least once a month, although it is **strongly** encouraged that Mass is attended **weekly**. This is part of our faith and is a great blessing for your family as you honor our Lord and God.

We ask that your child (with assistance from you if needed) complete this form once a month and return it to his or her teacher when they come to class.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class time: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

I attended Mass on Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_ celebrated the Mass.

**Write two or three sentences saying what the homily was about:**

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**God bless you always,  
Father Patrick Woods, CSSR**



There will be Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament on **Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 3PM in the Church**. All are welcome to attend any part or all of the holy hour to give glory

and praise to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.



**11/27 - NO Life Night after the 5:30PM Mass. Happy Thanksgiving!**  
 Contact SMT\_Lifeteen@yahoo.com with any questions.

**Upcoming Life Teen Events:**

**12/4: Life Night 6:45-8:30PM**

**12/9 & 10: Christmas Tree Sale (see details below)**

**12/11: Life Night 6:45-8:30PM**



**All 6th, 7th & 8th graders are welcome to attend Edge Nights!**  
 Contact SMT\_Lifeteen@yahoo.com with any questions.

**Upcoming Edge Events:**

**12/8: Edge Night 7-8:30PM in the OLPH Youth Room**

**12/22: Edge Christmas Party 7-8:30PM**

**Camp Veritas Dates have been released for 2017!** Contact the Youth Ministry office for more information. Also, check out their website for information and videos at [www.CampVeritas.com](http://www.CampVeritas.com).

**Now is a great time to consider joining our volunteer team!** If you are over 18 and want to know more about getting involved in SMT's dynamic and lively Youth Ministry Programs, please contact us at SMT\_Lifeteen@yahoo.com. There are many different ways to volunteer including joining one of our Core Teams, providing meals or snacks for our Life Teen and Edge programs, or just remembering to keep us in your prayers.

***All are welcome to celebrate with us at the 5:30 PM Life Teen Sunday Mass.*** For full schedule, please visit [smtbethpage.org](http://smtbethpage.org). For questions about Youth Ministry at SMT or to inquire about joining our team, please contact Patricia Draghi at SMT\_Lifeteen@yahoo.com.

*Coming in December*



**Our Youth Ministry will be selling Christmas trees at St. Martin's church parking lot on Friday, December 9th from 4:00—7:00 PM and on Saturday, December 10th - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. Every year we are supplied with beautiful, full trees. All trees are \$35.00.**

**Helen Kurlowicz** worked on the St. Martin of Tours winter clothes drive. More than 20 bags were given to Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Long Island. Thanks to all who donated gently used and brand new coats, sweaters, scarves, hats and gloves. Your great generosity honors our patron, Saint Martin of Tours!



The American Military Channel has been running a series about the Cold War that lasted pretty much from the end of World War II up until the fall of the Soviet Union. The series places a great stress on the ongoing development of more and more nuclear weapons that had tremendous capacity for the destruction of the world. Both the United States had and continues to have submarines, planes, and missiles that in less than 20 minutes or so can change the world forever. The series also speaks of some of the moments, either by intention or by accident, that the Cold War almost turned hot with the reality of a full blown nuclear war occurring. The movie, *Crimson Red*, starring Gene Hackman and Denzel Washington captures well the danger of an accidental missile launch from an American submarine.

I was twelve years old during the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962 and remember going to our basement to fill up a large sink with water in case we were attacked. Of course, those of us over 60 still recall practicing putting our heads under our school desks to prepare for an attack by the Russians. Occasionally, I still see some old signs in Brooklyn pointing to fallout shelters. Today, although there are many countries with weapons of mass destruction, and even the threat of a terrorist cell obtaining such an instrument, we seem to worry less about the threat of nuclear destruction than in the 1950's and 60's. Sad to say, our reality is that after September 11<sup>th</sup>, we have grown accustomed to living with terrorism. It seems there is far more energy placed on debates of the possibility of our destroying the world by global warming and pollution.

Like most of the nation, I was captivated by following our recent national elections. One thing that struck me both before and during the election on November 8<sup>th</sup> was the great desire that the media, perhaps reflecting us, wanted to know who was going to win the election. Poll after poll was taken, trends were studied daily, and exit polls on election day sought to tell us what was going to be the results. I suppose that is only human. Show up at a home with a wrapped gift and the kids will immediately ask who is that gift for? Is it for me? What is it? Soon, parents will be searching out their special hiding place for Christmas gifts. We know that it is not only children who have this great curiosity in wanting to know. I must say I am amazed that some couples who have a sonogram in preparation for the birth of their child can tell the doctor that they do not want to know the results. I am not sure if I could do that. Tell someone you have a big secret will lead them to consider waterboarding you until you reveal it to them.

Years ago, the longest two hours of my life was when I called the doctor's office for the result of echocardiogram. They had always been normal and that is what I had expected to hear. After waiting the thirty seconds or so for the nurse to get the results, she told me, *Oh, I must have the doctor call you since he wants to talk to you.* It was two hours before he called and I was in full blown panic. The first sin of Adam and Eve was brought about by a powerful temptation from Satan. He tells our first parents, who are gloriously happy and have a wonderful relationship with God, that if they eat the one fruit that God has told them to avoid, they will be like God and know everything. Ah, to know everything is a temptation we all face. Living with the unknown is hard to do.

Our scripture readings today are called apocalyptic in nature. They are addressing the end of the world. Jesus is telling the people that the world they know, the reality they have experienced, will someday end. Even the great Temple of Jerusalem will fall to the ground in destruction! These words are unimaginable to the people. The Temple will always be there! Jesus has their attention and they demanded to know when this will happen. What will be the sign that will help us prepare for this? Tell us now! Jesus tells them that that is reserved for his Father to know.

*Priest of God,  
say this Mass  
as if it were your  
first Mass,  
your last Mass,  
your only  
Mass.*

There was a time when the Redemptorists, the order that serves here at St. Martin's, were famous for preaching on hell and brimstone. It was said that we spoke so well about hell that you thought we had been there! Such preaching is now less frequent. Our founder St. Alphonsus told us that conversions brought about by fear do not last; only those brought about by knowing the love of God will last. We all know we are going to die, but we prefer not to dwell on this topic. None of us know the hour or the moment of our call home to God. How often we are shocked by the sudden and unexpected death of a loved one! Our first words are: *I can't believe it! It can't be true!*

I think we are blessed not to know the hour of our death. It would make us so anxious and afraid to live our lives with joy and zest. Still, there are many accounts of people who suffer from a terminal disease who truly live their last days with great dignity and peace. For me the fundamental truth of today's Gospel about the end of time is that we take each day as a gift from God and live it as well as we can. If we are angry and bitter toward someone, now is the time to repair the breach in the relationship. If there is someone we rarely tell we love them and how precious they are to us, now is the time to do so. I have often seen a sign in sacristies that reads: *Priest of God, say this Mass as if it were your first Mass, your last Mass, your only Mass.* It is not easy to be so focused in life that we could live in such a way of attentiveness to God, to others, and to the world around us but it is a grace and gift to pray for in our daily lives.

St. Francis de Sales teaches: *Each moment of each day comes from the hand of a loving God and is graced for your salvation. The only time you have is each present moment. Don't dwell in the past or the future.* The great psychologist called neurosis as a refusal to love in the present. The only moment we have is today. This is the gift that God has given you and me: *this* day. To follow Jesus is to seek to take each moment he gives us and to live it as faithfully as we can in loving him, loving our family and friends, doing what we can for those who are suffering or in need. Jesus tells us that in midst of adversity and suffering, not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your life.

### **Gifts from Bethlehem - Olive Wood Handcrafted from the Holy Land**

**A Traditional Art and Livelihood for Holy Land Christians** - The handicrafts trade evolved as a cultural tradition of Christians in the Holy Land for many centuries. This indigenous form of art has since become an industry of great importance to the local people of the Holy Land who rely on it for livelihood, and to Christian pilgrims from all around the world whose holy pilgrimage can be memorialized for a lifetime in cherished olive wood or mother of pearl souvenirs. The olive wood carving market is the major source of income in the Bethlehem area. More than 65% of the income of the community in Bethlehem comes from this work. In recent years, however, the holy crafts trade has suffered many hardships due to social and economical pressures. Because of a sharp fall in tourism and also as a result of diminishing numbers of craftsmen who leave their traditional trade and emigrate due to the difficult conditions in their homeland, the Holy Land handicraft market is facing serious danger, and so is the Christian community in there.

Sixty five years ago the Christians represented more than 28% of the total population in the Holy Land, today they are less than 1.5%. The loss of Christians in the land of Christianity's birth will represent a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for the billions of Christians worldwide. Thank you for your vital support for a Christian tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry.



**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE****CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION  
FREEDOM OF WORSHIP IS NOT THE SAME AS FREEDOM OF RELIGION**

**FREEDOM OF WORSHIP** restricts the right to pray within the confines of a place of worship, or to privately believe.

**FREEDOM OF RELIGION** includes the right to free exercise of conscience in every area of your life. It includes the right to raise your children in your faith, the right to have religious literature, the right to meet with others to worship, the right to raise funds, the right to choose your religious leaders, to carry out charitable activities, to evangelize and to have religious education. If we do not understand what freedom of religion correctly means, it can be eased away from us one word and one regulation at a time. We would forfeit what God has provided and the Constitution has protected.

**On March 19, 2014 Cardinal Timothy Dolan and the Bishops of New York State, Bishop William Murphy, DRVC, presented the Davitt Award for Exemplary Service to Barbara Samuells, the co-founder of Catholics for Freedom of Religion.**

**FREE TO SPEAK:** What the U.S. Department of Education says about public school students religious liberties. Contact CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION for details on their program which teaches children they are "Free to Speak."

*"If lay people don't love their Catholic faith enough to struggle for it in the public square, nothing the bishops do will finally matter." Archbishop Chaput*

*"Freedom is a gift and a personal responsibility. It is a challenge held out to each generation." Pope Francis*

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS ALREADY SHARING THE KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, go to [www.cffor.org](http://www.cffor.org). or call (631)896-8331.

FOR INFORMATION ON THE DRVC RELIGIOUS FREEDOM PROGRAM go to [www.respectlife.drvc.org](http://www.respectlife.drvc.org). or call (516)678-5800.

**MATERNITY ADVENT PROGRAM: DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE RESPECT LIFE OFFICE:** As we prepare for the coming of Christ this Advent season, we are reminded of the precious gift of the Holy Family. Many of today's young mothers face the same challenges as the Holy Family, and are in dire need of shelter.

**MATERNITY RESIDENCES ON LONG ISLAND**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES, MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL HOME, MOMMA'S HOUSE, INC. BETHANY HOUSE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:

**DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE, RESPECT LIFE OFFICE**

50 North Park Ave. P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023.

(516)678-5800 Ext 626 & 381, [dtellis@drvc.org](mailto:dtellis@drvc.org), [www.respectlife.drvc.org](http://www.respectlife.drvc.org).



**PLEASE PRAY CONSTANTLY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY**

Lord of Hosts, we commend to Your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that beset them; and grant them Your abiding presence wherever they may be. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



CPT Gregory Holownia, US Army  
 MAJ Erika Holownia, US Army  
 PO3 Matthew Sadecki, USCG  
 SGT Zachary John Sheehy, USMC  
 PVT Travis Ruggiero, US Army  
 CPL Dennis Diesel, USMC  
 L CPL James Kruper, USMC  
 SPC Matthew P. Sirianni, US Army  
 CPT Conor B. Murphy, USMC  
 1LT Victoria Meyer, US Army Nurse Corp  
 PO1 John Paul Pedalino II, US Navy  
 CPT Thomas P. Shea, USAF  
 SGT Michael John Kelly, USMC  
 1LT Brian McGrath, US Army  
 SPC Matthew Castellano, US Army  
 SGT Michael Patrick Murphy, US Army  
 PFC William Corrigan, USMC  
 PFC Salvatore Battiatia, USAF  
 LT Daniel Cloonan, USCG  
 PVT Daniel Kuhlmann, US Army  
 LCPL Jonathan M. Gordon, USMC  
 2LT Sean O'Donnell, USAF

SGT Matthew C. Windisch, USMC  
 E3 CORPSMAN Robert Fidnarick, US Navy  
 1LT Brian Thorpe, US Navy  
 PO3 Joshua Zimmerman, US Navy  
 MAJ Brendan McEvoy, US Army  
 SPC Matthew F. Mayerhofer, US Army  
 BUCN Sean Bourke, US Navy  
 PO3 James Fischer, US Navy  
 LTC John Evans, US Army  
 ABHAA Michael Creagh, US Navy  
 PVT Steven DiPaolo, USMC  
 SSGT Sean V. Oliva, US Army  
 2LT Samantha Lopez, US Navy  
 SSG George Howard, US Army  
 LT Mario Lopes, USMC  
 PVT Brian Barcavage, US Army  
 CS1 Andrew L. DeMarsico, USN  
 MAJ Thomas E. Mangiamele, US Army  
 PVT Edward Morales, US Army  
 MAJ Michael F. Wendelken, USAF  
 PVT John Marcel, Jr USMC

**Christmas Cards for the Military**

If you would like the parish to send a Christmas card to a loved one currently serving in the military, please either email [gamit1946@hotmail.com](mailto:gamit1946@hotmail.com) or call the rectory at 931-0818.

For domestic addresses, in order for them to receive a card by Christmas, please provide their latest address by December 1st.

**SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB**

Our next spiritual book club selection is *Hidden Christmas* by Timothy Keller. It is a very readable book that opens up the scriptures of Christmas in a beautiful way. *Hidden Christmas* is a great way to enter into Advent and Christmas.

Our meeting is on **Saturday, December 17th at 10AM in St. Alphonsus Hall.** Everyone is welcome to come and discuss this book.



## St. Martin of Tours Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

2:30pm - 8:30pm

St. Alphonsus Parish Hall

38 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage

**ALL DONORS WILL RECEIVE A COUPON FOR A FREE LARGE SANDWICH OR SALAD AT MCDONALD'S**

### Donor Requirements -



Bring valid ID

Age Requirements: 16-75 (over 75 need to have a doctors note)

Minimum weight 110 lbs

Eat well & drink fluids before donating

No new tattoos for the past 12 months.

**For questions regarding medical eligibility, call (800) 688-0900.  
To schedule an appt. please call the Rectory Office at 516-931-0818.**

### VIRTUS TRAINING - Protecting All God's Children

If you wish to volunteer in any capacity in a parish, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires that you **first register** for Virtus by logging on to the diocese website at [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org). **Virtus registration can be found at the lower right of the home page.** If you have any problems with the process, please call the rectory at 931-0818 and someone will get back to you with assistance.

#### Next Virtus at St. Martin of Tours

**Monday, November 28, 2016 at 7:00PM in St. Alphonsus Parish Hall**

### BOY SCOUT TROOP 604

#### CHRISTMAS WREATHS & GRAVE BLANKETS

Boy Scout Troop 604 will be selling beautiful wreaths **this weekend November 26th & 27th after all Masses.** Each wreath is \$20. **Also available** are grave blankets at \$25.00 each.



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**T**he Redemptorists ask your prayers for our seminarians as they discern their vocations as Redemptorist priests or brothers. Below is the list of all seminarians from the communities of Boston, The Bronx, Chicago, Houston and Toronto:

Augustus Riviere	Michael Vo	Ako Walker	Thien Hoang
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Benchi Lindor	Song Yu	Romero Radix	Lam Tran
Garvey Blanc	Huyen T. Nguyen	Chung Tran	Toan Lai
Kevin McGraw	Huan T. Le	Vu Huy	Viet Nguyen
Kevin Zubel	Chung Cao Tran	Quy Duong	Damien Dinh
		Joaquin Garcia-Romanillos	

**GLUTEN, PEANUT & DAIRY FREE ALTAR BREAD**

Please see the sacristan before mass begins if you require altar breads that are free of gluten, peanuts and dairy. Let the sacristan know how many for consecration.



**St. Martin of Tours Giving Tree:** The Giving Tree with tags is in the Gathering Area beginning **Saturday, November 26th**. **Gift cards must be returned by Sunday, December 11th** to allow ample time for distribution, and can be deposited in the rectory door mail slot. Please we ask for only gift cards and no presents as we have no place to store boxed or bagged gifts.

As always, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Parish Outreach are grateful for the compassion and support of our parishioners!

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**St. Vincent de Paul Store Locations:**

2160 Jericho Turnpike, Garden City Park NY  
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(enter New Hyde Park if you use GPS)

**OPEN MON-SAT 10-6**

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**OPEN MON-SAT 10-6**

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To arrange furniture, clothing, cars and other donated materials for pick-up, please call (516) 746-8250 (Nassau) or 1 800 884-7837 (Suffolk).

You can also visit on line at <http://www.svdprvc.org/thrift-stores.html>. Follow the links. St. Vincent de Paul will review your donation request.

*The Jesus who is born in time and history is also the Christ  
who will come in glory to judge all.*

### CONFESSIONS, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

**CONFESSIONS**

**SATURDAY, December 17**

2:00-3:00PM & after the 7:00PM Mass

**MONDAY, December 19**

9:30-10:00AM; 3:00-4:30PM & 7:00-8:00PM

**TUESDAY, December 20**

9:30-10:00AM; 3:00-4:30PM & 7:00-8:00PM

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE**

4:00PM - Church & Auditorium

4:30PM - Knights of Columbus

Fr. Hartigan Council Hall (Central Ave)

6:00PM - Children's Mass in Church

9:00PM - Life Teen Mass in Church

11:15PM - Pre-Midnight Mass Concert

12:00AM - Midnight Mass in Church

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY**

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30AM & 1:00PM

*No 5:30PM Mass on Christmas Day*

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**SATURDAY, December 31 at 5PM & 7PM**

**SUNDAY, January 1, 2017**

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30AM & 1PM

*No 5:30PM Mass on January 1, 2017*



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Nov 26/27: Boy Scout Troop 604 Christmas Wreaths & Grave Blankets Sale
- Nov 26: GIVING TREE in the Gathering Area of the Church
- Nov 28: Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30PM Church
- Nov 28: VIRTUS training class 7PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Nov 30: Holy Hour 3PM Church
- Dec 3: Anointing of the Sick during 9AM Mass
- Dec 7: Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception 7PM Church
- Dec 8: Mass of the Immaculate Conception 6:30, 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM Church
- Dec 9 & 10: Youth Ministry Christmas Tree Sale (see p. 6)
- Dec 13 & 20: Advent Prayer Service 7:30-8PM Church
- Dec 14: BLOOD DRIVE 2:30-8:30PM St. Alphonsus Hall
- Dec 17: Spiritual Book Club 10AM St. Alphonsus Hall
- No Padre Pio Holy Hour in December

